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## Mind on Minden in 2019

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Emily Stonehouse, economic development, destination and marketing officer for the Township of Minden Hills, gave councillors an overview of her plans for 2019, during a December council meeting.

Stonehouse was hired to the position, a new one for the township, in the fall, and recently held jobs with local tourism business Yours Outdoors, and Fleming College/Haliburton School of Art + Design.

"In 2019, it's recommended that Minden Hills focus on its internet presence," Stonehouse said, explaining that the plan was to break Minden Hills' online presence, both in terms of its website and social media accounts, into separate categories; one for the administrative business of the township, and one for destination tourism.

A tourism campaign called Mind on Minden will be launched, and Stonehouse showed council a mockup for a tourism website.

"As you can see, it's a very kind of simplistic idea here," Stonehouse said, "and it's based on a background from the Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization."

OHTO is a provincial regional tourism organization of which the Haliburton

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### Good ol' Christmas concert

Students wore jerseys to sing their version of "The Hockey Song" at the Archie Stouffer Elementary School Christmas Concert held Dec. 19. See more photos on page 4. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

## Dorset library space 'an open book'

by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

Dorset library branch, within the Dorset Recreation Centre is moving closer to becoming a multi-use space.

The space is currently open eight hours a week through the Haliburton County Public Library but has been facing low circulation figures. Algonquin Highlands councillors have been considering possible future development to make the space more frequented than it is now by adding more computers and

providing a book-drop service, where residents could order and pick up books through the library system, which would mean removing the books that are currently there to peruse.

The space could be open 40 hours a week being used as a multi-use room if the books were not there, as they require a fully-trained librarian to manage their circulation. Currently, according to Chris Card, parks, recreation and trails manager, the numbers show that the computers available in the space are frequently used.

Back in September 2017 when the subject

was broached for the second time in the past decade, the township again faced public opposition to dismantling the library's book services. In July and August this year, the township released a survey to gather public input about whether to keep the space as it is or change it.

"This isn't about saying, get rid of the books and put four computers in there," said Mayor Carol Moffatt at a Dec. 13 council meeting. "It's what do we, as a group of decision makers, [through] consultation, see as the best use of space to try to give something

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# Library attendance low for many years

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to everybody.”

The survey was made up of 11 questions, available via SurveyMonkey online through the months of July and August and received 154 responses though some respondents skipped questions. Just over 77 per cent of the respondents said they lived or cottaged in Algonquin Highlands, while almost 20 per cent said they were from Lake of Bays. Just over 50 per cent of respondents, or 71 people – said they use the library for books. A little over 76 per cent of respondents said they supported the idea of book drop services – ordering books online through the HCPL system and picking them up at the DRC from township staff trained by the library. Almost 70 per cent of respondents said they supported a “reimagining” of the space.

Almost 59 per cent of respondents, 79 people, said they supported the space being transitioned into a township-managed community space, and about 40 per cent of respondents, or 53 people, said they supported the Dorset library as is, under the library board’s governance.

Space was left for respondents to make suggestions about what to do with the space, with most answers requesting that the space stay the same or include books rather than a book ordering system.

Moffatt, in explaining some of the background of the library’s history, said the Dorset library branch, like the one in Cardiff, also in Haliburton County, has been poorly performing for quite some time.

“The Dorset and Cardiff libraries have been living on a whisper and a prayer for

years,” she said. “This is not the first time that the library board has raised the issue of poor attendance.” Moffatt said it has been asked if the library could offer more librarian hours, but the answer is no.

“We have thousands of people using other locations and there just isn’t the money and people,” she said. “And so Cardiff and Dorset have been for years just falling off the edge of the world.”

Moffatt said she was non-committal to either outcome, the room staying as it was or becoming a multi-use space, but said, “I do believe personally that it should be a space that’s open more for more people for more reasons.”

She encouraged councillors to speak to the issue, based on what they had heard from residents in the community and the results of the survey, to decide how to move forward.

“It’s empty so much, when it is open,” said Councillor Julia Shortreed, who uses the recreation centre and noted low attendance of the library room. “It’s only eight hours a week, the way technology’s going in our world and everything ... turning it into a multi-use facility is much better for the community than what it is now, definitely.”

“I see it as an enhancement,” said Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen, who sits on the Haliburton County Public Library board. “I know it’s a difficult thing, and I will say it again, I feel a bit bad about saying this but I think the library board has to some extent put their heads in the sand and have had them there for some time. They don’t want to be responsible for making this decision. We’ve tried everything we can to encourage joint decisions, joint presentations, we asked them to participate in the survey, they didn’t want

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— COUNCILLOR  
JENNIFER DAILLOUX

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to participate in the survey, and I think the [former] chair was quite clear in saying ... that she just wanted it go to away and not be dealt with while she was chair. It’s a tough decision.”

Later in discussion, both she and Moffatt acknowledged that the HCPL is award-winning, with Danielsen saying, “[the library is] extraordinary in their advocacy, in the work that they do, in the programs they offer, in the partnerships they have developed and the fundraising they do ... they work hard.”

Danielsen told new councillors that council has asked if volunteers could run the library, but that the answer was there needs to be a qualified librarian in place for reasons that include organization and confidentiality of users. She suggested a “take one, leave one,” book rack, and said that might solve the issue that residents raised about wanting physical children’s books in place.

“Keeping in mind children’s books are still going to be available,” she added. “All the things that the libraries have within their system are available to everybody, you just have to order it, ask, and it will be delivered. That’s not the same as having a little children’s nook so to speak, but there’s no reason why we can’t incorporate something like that into a corner.”

Concerns have also been raised about the need for a seniors space, and that the library serves a population who might not have transportation to get to the next closest libraries, located in Baysville and Dwight.

“I think we need to remember too that this is not a black and white decision,” said Moffatt. “It is in terms of leaving it as is or transitioning to something else. But the something else ... could be fluid, and it would be our responsibility as decision makers in consultation with the community, to keep poking at those things.” Moffatt said a new space open longer might help create a community gathering space.

“...If we created a space that was pleasant enough, that the concerns about seniors having no place to go could be in some way alleviated, if they [the recreation centre] are this place where there’s always coffee on, and maybe a fire going,” she said. “Now it becomes a community space where there might always be someone to talk to and alleviate some of those concerns about isolation.”

Councillor Jennifer Dailloux said she spoke personally but also for residents of Ward 3 who she had talked to during the recent election campaign.

“I’ll declare my bias upfront,” she said. “I’m a huge proponent of public libraries and I believe, as do many others who frequent them as often as I do, that as soon as we lose a library it’s never coming back. It’s a forever thing. There’s no turning back that decision. Once a library has left a community it’s gone for good.”

Dailloux said that not being able to distinguish if survey respondents were permanent residents who only have close access to the Dorset library branch, or seasonal residents

who access libraries more frequently elsewhere, made the results difficult to interpret.

“My fear is, what if there is a part of our community who really would support having more hours, having a better service, and they’re squished in with all of those other responses and we’re not hearing their voices,” said Dailloux.

“If the local people can still go there,” said Danielsen, “Go in this re-purposed room, use the computers that are there, browse any book they want, can order any book that the library system in Ontario has, have it delivered to the Dorset facility ... they’re not missing anything, they’re gaining use of the facility for 32 more hours at least of the week.”

Councillor Lisa Barry asked if programming that includes literacy programs for children and technology teaching for adults could still be available through the HCPL. Danielsen said yes, that would be available. Moffatt suggested that a committee, though not affiliated directly with the library, could be initiated to help create further programming and nurture programming already in place.

Shortreed asked, if nothing was done, the already-few hours the library is in operation might be reduced anyway.

“This whole issue started, I don’t know, 10 years ago, where there was discussion of closing the doors of the library,” said Danielsen. “Local people had warning that something was going to happen and they were up in arms about it but nobody did anything about it to use it more.” She added she couldn’t see hours reduced further.

“I’m heartened by some of the suggestions I’ve been hearing, about how we keep the spirit of books alive,” said Dailloux, suggesting that developing partnerships with other close libraries, encouraging their use and continued use of electronic books and book ordering is essential. “If we, around this table, can keep the spirit of books alive and the spirit of book sharing alive, then I would personally feel much more comfortable endorsing the plans that are at this table in releasing that space that is taxpayer space and not used very much for other things that more of our taxpayers can use and might encourage community [engagement].”

Moffatt said she saw it as a tremendous opportunity to breathe more life into the space, by adding more programming that residents want and continuing to offer books through the ordering system.

“It’s up to us to figure out what that looks like,” she said.

Councillors all agreed to support transitioning the room into a multi-use space.

“The big decision is to move forward,” said Moffatt, adding that they would look to information from the parks and recreation department about programming that could be offered and what the new space could look like. “And just keep it, dare I say, an open book.”

Moffatt will sit as the representative for Algonquin Highlands on the HCPL board for this term.

More results of the survey can be accessed via the Dec. 13 agenda for the Algonquin Highlands regular meeting of council as listed on Haliburton Civic Web (haliburton-civicweb.net).

The Dorset library branch, located in the Dorset Recreation Centre at 1051 Main Street, is open on Tuesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., and on Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. According to 2017 numbers, Dorset and Cardiff library branches have the smallest circulation numbers, with Dorset circulating 1,360 items and Cardiff circulating 961 items in 2017, up to August.

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# BIA for Minden considered

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Highlands is a part, and marketing for Minden Hills will fold into the experiential tourism strategies employed by OHTO.

"I did do a lot of research on how I can kind of keep up with social media, and encourage all of our businesses, all of our community members to get on the same page," said Stonehouse, but said she found there is some social media burnout among stakeholders in

the community.

"I found that people were over it," she told councillors.

"In this time of social media burnout, hashtags, geotags and exploited natural resources, Mind on Minden is a tourism initiative designed to encourage visitors to disconnect to reconnect, and live in the moment," Stonehouse said. The campaign will also mirror Newfoundland and Labrador's 2012 "Find Yourself" tourism campaign.

Part of Stonehouse's role is engaging with the township's businesses community to establish priorities. There has been some talk at the council table in the past about establishing a mandated business improvement area. BIAs are different from business associations, in that the former are established geographic areas in which businesses are mandated to pay fees, those fees being used for events and promotional activities. The Village of Haliburton has a BIA.

"So far, potential BIAs have been met with some tension, a little backlash, so I'm hoping I can lay the groundwork to move forward," Stonehouse told council.



## Realtors give to Alzheimer Society

Minden realtors, through the Lakelands Association of Realtors, make a \$3,000 donation to the Alzheimer Society of Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland and Haliburton. Here, Tom Wilkinson presents the cheque to Carolyn Hemminger, public education co-ordinator for the society, joined by Leah Weston, who has early onset dementia. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

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— EMILY STONEHOUSE

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Please Note: Council meetings are reduced to one meeting during the month of January.

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From Nov 1st to Apr 30th, overnight parking is prohibited between the hours of midnight and 8:00 AM on township roadways and parking lots. Bylaw staff would like to remind residents that restrictions on snow removal and street parking are in effect during these months. To avoid your vehicle being towed, please do not leave vehicles or trailers parked or standing on a public roadway, cul-de-sac or dead end road.

As well, please consider the safety of others and do not deposit snow on public roadways. This could create an unsafe situation for drivers and interfere with traffic movement and snow removal efforts.

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The Roads Department is seeking bids from qualified contractors for the following:

- RFT #RDS 18-07 - 2019 Resurfacing
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#### Administration Office

Dec 17th to Dec 21st 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM  
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#### Cultural Centre/Agnes Jamieson Gallery

**CLOSED** Dec 23rd

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#### Landfills

All Sites are **CLOSED** Dec 25th & Jan 1st

#### S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena

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Dec 27th – 28th Call Arena for hours  
**CLOSED** Jan 1st

#### Community Services Department Administration Office

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A Holly Jolly ASES Concert

Santa Claus makes Christmas a good one for three "thieves" who forgot to be merry during a skit performed at the ASES Christmas Concert. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



From left, Rylie Doige, Olivia Fitzell and Alexis Feero dressed in their festive best for the ASES Christmas concert held on the evening of Dec. 19.



The Archie Stouffer Elementary School Christmas concert offered a bit of everything: song, dance, a skit, jokes, and band as students entertained a huge crowd of spectators.



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## The top 10

An annual tradition, here is a list of the top 10 Times stories of the year.

### 10. Scotch Line landfill

Making the list for the second consecutive year, issues continue to plague Minden Hills' main waste disposal site, including a seagull infestation and \$200,000 deficit.

### 9. Pinegrove Place

Construction on Phase 2 of the affordable complex near the arena in Minden is scheduled to commence in April of 2019. The three-storey building will have 21 units and it's anticipated the facility will be open for occupancy in spring of 2020.

### 8. Algae bloom

A blue-green algae bloom briefly forms, then dissipates, on a lake in Algonquin Highlands.

### 7. Double-hatting

The provincial government passes legislation making it easier for double-hatters – full-time firefighters who are also members of volunteer fire departments in communities where they live – to do both. For two decades, the practice had been fought by firefighting unions. The news is hugely welcome to communities that rely on volunteer fire departments.

### 6. Legalized pot

There has been a lot of talk around council tables about legal pot this year, and in December, Haliburton County council, as well as the councils of its four, lower-tier townships, all opted in to allowing marijuana stores within their borders.

### 5. MH fire hall

A project at least a decade in the making with preliminary work spanning a number of council terms, Minden Hills opens its new, \$2-million

fire hall along Highway 35. The facility provides a state-of-the-art building for the township's volunteer fire department located outside Minden's flood plain, and opens up the downtown property occupied by the old fire hall for other purposes.

### 4. Municipal elections

Local elections are always newsworthy. While there was not a ton of change for the councils of Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands, with two new ward councillors each, at the upper-tier level of the county, there was a departure of three, longtime councillors from the table.

### 3. Arena project

A proposed renewal of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, which would include a new arena, new gymnasium and refurbished community centre, now has an estimated cost of nearly

\$12 million. Minden Hills council is to discuss what it will do with the project in January.

### 2. All-women council

In the October municipal election, voters in Algonquin Highlands elected a council comprised entirely of women, only one of a very few times that has ever happened in Ontario's history. The circumstance garnered a phone call from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister for Women and Gender Equality Maryam Monsef.

### 1. Laurie Scott

After nearly a decade and a half as part of the provincial Opposition, longtime Haliburton-Kawartha-Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott gets a seat on the government side of Queen's Park, as the PCs sweep to power in the spring election. Scott becomes a high-ranking member of the Ford government cabinet, named Minister of Labour.



**CHAD INGRAM**  
Reporter



Winter sunset /KAREN LONDON Staff

## When the bough breaks

WHEN MOST PEOPLE look at a beautiful photo or postcard that depicts a snowy woods in beautiful light, they see a scenic and inviting winter wonderland. They see vast blankets of untouched whiteness, beautiful, blue-shadowed drifts and evergreen boughs bent and heavy with snow.

I see all that too. But mostly I see the reason why the turtleneck sweater and the scarf were invented.

Call me odd, but there are few things I like less than having a bough full of snow dumped down the back of my collar. Yet, that is the most constant and predictable gift the winter woods gives to me.

I also believe it is the reason why the chickadees seem so happy to see me step into the forest. They know this is going to be good for a laugh or two.

You can hardly blame them. Just think about how much joy you get when you see snow collapse from an overhanging bough and funnel down the back of the neck of the person breaking trail ahead of you.

It's hilarious.

I think we can all agree it's not nearly as funny when frigid snow makes its way down the back of your neck, however.

It would be, if it ended there. But we all know it never does. No, that snow melts and travels like a receding glacier and eventually creates a deep lake in a place where water was never meant to pool, which is doubly embarrassing if you stop to get groceries on the way home.

Rest assured, when my grade school teachers explained the hydrological cycle, they never once mentioned this.

Yet it is truly the way of the winter

woods.

The interesting thing about snow that falls from boughs is that it never falls ahead of you. Instead, it waits patiently, biding its time until some unsuspecting rube approaches. Then, once the bare skin at the back of that person's neck is beneath, it strikes with unerring accuracy – and, generally, with six times the amount of snow that any bough or avalanche should reasonably hold.

It's just my theory but I believe this is the primary reason people started carrying axes and cutting down trees. I suspect they also liked the irony of burning trees to warm up again.

I mean, if you think about it, primitive man dressed in poorly tailored animal furs was no match for a stand of evergreens in January. And, let's be honest, things are no different today. You enter woods like this at your own peril.

Modern man, of course, is smarter, has more technology

and is more prepared for these incidents. That's why, in most cases, we let someone walk ahead of us. Also, our parkas fit a little tighter at the neck if we zip them and use the drawstrings.

This, as everyone knows, is the surest way to prevent snow from overhanging boughs from making its way down the back of your neck.

Instead, all that snow will land in your hood and then go down the back of your neck the minute you decide you need to pull it up to warm your ears.

This will make the chickadees and your trail mates laugh and perhaps even incite a round of applause.

Then, the polite thing to do is smile and take a bough.



**STEVE GALEA**  
Beyond 35



# IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

## Laughing out loud

IT IS INDEED A wonderful life, especially when we begin laughing at ourselves.

Laughter is a magic elixir that improves our lives. It is a bonding agent that calms conflict and helps us get along with each other. We need more of it in an increasingly troubled and angry world.

Judging by some recent television viewing, we are getting more of it.

For example, NBC's *Saturday Night Live* (SNL) is giving us strong doses of laughter by poking fun at the train wreck of American politics. A train wreck that is causing hardship and division around the world.

SNL's recent parody of the 1946 movie *It's A Wonderful Life* is an example of how laughing at ourselves better equips us to face the madness surrounding us.

A little memory jog: In the movie, George Bailey, played by actor James Stewart, is overwhelmed by problems and decides to jump off a bridge and end his life. A wingless angel named Clarence appears and shows him what George's town would have looked like without all his work over the years.

The SNL version has Donald Trump, overwhelmed by problems, wishing he had never become president. Enter Clarence the angel who shows Trump what life would be like if he had not become president.

Melania is divorced and speaks clearly and without an accent. "They said being around you was hurting

my language skills," she tells Trump.

Mike Pence is a DJ at a White House Christmas party, happy and thankful that he did not have to sit in meetings as vice-president and look stone-faced bored and stupid.

Near the end of the 1946 movie the little daughter of George Bailey tells her dad that whenever a bell rings, an angel has received its wings.

In the SNL version, Kellyanne Conway, one of Trump's mouthpieces, says to her boss: "Every time a bell rings, somebody you know quits, or goes to jail."

Canadian television also has us laughing at ourselves with the popular CBC show *Still Standing*. It is a hybrid comedy-reality series in which Newfoundland comedian Jonny Harris visits small Canadian towns that have gone through hard times.

Harris, also seen in the *Murdoch Mysteries* TV series, gives stand-up comedy shows in front of locals who have stuck it out in their towns, getting them to laugh at themselves. Along with the stand-up routine are video clips of Harris doing stuff with some of the residents.

For instance in a recent show from Wells, B.C. (population 245) Harris takes a side-by-side four-wheeler pedal bike ride along a snowy street with resident writer-actor-director James Douglas. Douglas is the filmmaker behind *The Doctor's Case*, an award-winning movie based on a Stephen King short story.

During the ride Harris and his TV audience learn about the town's founder, Fred Wells, who discovered gold there. Wells was a mining boom town during the 1930s but as mining waned so did the town. Then in the 1970s hippies moved in, buying vacant houses and properties and established an arts community.

The town now is a mix of artists and miners, a dichotomy that Harris explores along with its stories and aspirations, weaving in jokes about the town and its people.

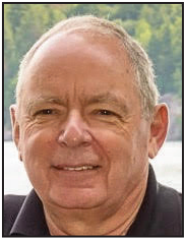
The towns Harris visits all have something sad in their past. A fishery collapsed and young people moved away. A logging operation closed, cancelling most of the town's jobs.

*Still Standing* recognizes the melancholy produced by past events but finds humour that helps the residents laugh, or at least smile, at themselves. It also recognizes their resilience in staying on and working at building a strong community spirit.

It is a show that makes you feel good despite difficulties and reinforces the age-old message that good people overcome bad things when they laugh and work together.

Here's how one person on Twitter described a *Still Standing* episode: "I needed that. The world (and my Twitter feed) has been so UGH. @jollyharris and @StillStandingTV gives hope, spreads light & humor and shows us the best of people."

We all need more of this. Hopefully we will see more of it as we enter 2019, which some folks say will bring continuing social, economic, political and climate upheaval.



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## Cottage Dreams receives donation from realtors

Minden realtors, through the Lakelands Association of Realtors, make a \$1,500 to Cottage Dreams, which provides getaways for families affected by cancer. Here, Tom Wilkinson presents the cheque to Cottage Dreams programs manager Debbie Farrell. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

## Juggling

BACK IN THE '80s my friend Tim taught himself how to juggle. He would hitchhike with a sign tied around his waist saying where he wanted to go and he would juggle while standing at the side of the road. He said getting rides was much easier that way. I suppose it made him a more interesting travelling companion than the run of the mill "thumb in the air" type. Tim inspired me to learn how to juggle, and I did. The other day I came across these juggling balls I've stored away for years (one is held together with duct tape thanks to my first dog, Lindsay). I'm not as good as I was, but I can still keep three balls in the air for a few seconds.

According to a couple of websites, there are a number of benefits to juggling. The one that surprised me the most was that 280 calories/hour can be burned while juggling. Now, that could be the result of chasing the balls that roll all over the place when dropped. The other benefits include improved concentration, reflexes and arm/shoulder mobility. It can also relieve stress and here's my favourite – it can keep you away from snacking during periods of boredom (these juggling balls are staying on my desk from now on). It's also a distraction for smokers who are trying to quit the habit.

When I taught myself to juggle I started with three squash balls. Actually I started with two squash balls and I practised by holding them both in my dominant hand and tossing one in the air and then the other before I caught the first one. When I got it working with my right hand, I switched to

my left hand. One of the tricks was that I stood beside my bed so that when I missed catching a ball I did have to chase it around the room. What I remember was how stiff and sore my calves were the next day.

I can't quite remember how I managed to get three balls moving between two hands but it happened. Here's how I believe it all came together:

- I started with the two balls in my right hand and one in my left.
- I tossed one of the balls in my right hand into the air so it was on a trajectory to peak in front of my forehead.
- As that ball was enroute I tossed the ball from my left onto a similar trajectory with the goal of the catching the first ball with my left.

- As the second ball was travelling the third ball left my right hand.
- My right hand caught the second ball.
- The entire pattern repeated.
- At no time did my fingers leave my hand.

There were a ton of failed attempts but I kept at it, and my body figured it out. Juggling is like riding a bike; once you get it you don't lose it. There are all kinds of different patterns to learn. It really is an inexpensive and accessible way to exercise your body and your brain. Next time you need a distraction pick up three balls instead of your phone. Learning something new is always fun.

Something to think about!

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## Thousands raised for food centre

On Saturday, Dec. 8, the Dominion Hotel in Minden hosted a turkey dinner by donation followed by live entertainment by East Coasters Mike Biggar and Grant Heckman. There was also a silent auction for about a dozen items that were donated by various breweries. Shawn and Elli Chamberlin (owners of the hotel) raised an amazing \$2,400 for the Minden Community Food Centre. The evening was a huge success and we would like to thank everyone who attended, Shawn and Elli, and the staff of the Dominion Hotel. Pictured: Don Veno, chair, accepts the cheque from Elli Chamberlin. /Submitted by Don Veno





# Kinmount opens food bank

by **SUE TIFFIN**  
Times Staff

In a display of perfect timing, on Dec. 11 as Heather Kirby of Kawartha Lakes Food Source was thanking representatives of the Minden Food Centre, the Kinmount Baptist Church, and numerous volunteers who collaborated together to open a new Kinmount and Area Food Bank, they were interrupted as a load of very welcome donations was dropped off at the front door.

"We're very excited today to celebrate the community's support that has come together to offer this food bank," said Kirby. "Although we don't want to celebrate the need that shows that there's individuals out there that just sometimes don't have enough, but what we want to celebrate is how the community [made it happen]."

The food bank, located at the Baptist Church at 4937 Monck Road, opened Dec. 13 and allows residents of Kinmount and surrounding rural communities access to closer support – the distance to the nearest food bank is currently over 20 kilometres away. It will operate two Thursdays of each month and welcomes community members as volunteers to help make food more accessible in the area.

"In the past this community has never had a food bank and it makes it very challenging for individuals in need to access food, having to travel to different food banks in different areas," said Kirby. "Transportation is a challenge, sometimes you can't afford a car, sometimes you can't afford gas for your car, or insurance or to have it maintained, and that's the largest barrier in the rural area



**Working together:** The Kinmount and Area Food Bank opened at the Kinmount Baptist Church at 4937 Monck Road on Dec. 13. Two days earlier, board members, organizers and volunteers gathered in the space to share the importance of the new food bank location. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

within the City of Kawartha Lakes."

The Kinmount and Area Food Bank offers a shopping-style food bank, enabling users to choose their own food and grocery options rather than be given a box of food that might not be their preference or suit their dietary needs. Kirby said best food bank practices focus on providing client choice and dignity to reduce stigma related to food

insecurity.

Funding from Food Banks Canada and Enterprise Holding Foundation was used to initiate the food bank. The Kinmount and Area Food Bank will receive food on a monthly fair share basis from a distribution centre in Lindsay and welcomes donations from the community to help fill the shelves.

The work of volunteers Julie Wilkin and

Grace McDonald in bringing the food bank to the area was especially noted.

For more information on how to help or access the food bank, please contact the Kinmount and Area Food Bank at kinmountfoodbank@gmail.com. For emergency assistance, call 705-455-3060.

## Sunnybrook bridge will receive renovations

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
Times Staff

Minden Hills township will perform a series of repairs to the Sunnybrook bridge, which is the formal name of the main bridge in Minden, spanning the Gull River.

During a December meeting, councillors gave approval for Tulloch Engineering to proceed with work on the bridge. The repairs include, but are not limited to repairing the sidewalks and curb; armouring the lower segments of the bridge's piers to protect against

future scouring; replacing the wearing surface; repairing a vertical crack in one of the bridge's abutments; repairing concrete spalling; installing proper end caps for hand rail posts; and repainting the surface of the hand railing.

It is estimated the work will cost between \$300,000 and \$400,000. The work is expected to extend the bridge's lifespan by 30 years.

If the work was not performed, roads superintendent Travis Wilson told the paper the bridge would likely require a load rating within the next decade, and extensive rehabilitation by 2033.

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# Coneybeares keep butcher business in family

by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

On April 2, 1946, Morgan Prentice purchased a sirloin steak for 60 cents, and some beef for \$1.10, from Harry Easton Butcher, according to yellowing receipts that are now more than 70 years old.

The price of meat is quite different now-days and Coneybeare's Butcher Shop, the shop behind Minden's main street, serves the public from an addition on the original building.

But Harry Easton would likely be proud to know the business he started after arriving to the area from England in the 1940s is not just still standing in the same place, but thriving as it changes hands from his great grandson Chris Coneybeare to his great, great granddaughter, Chris's daughter Lily.

Chris has changed too, looking a bit different than his 1980s self, when he returned from college in Toronto to help his dad, Al (Cub) Coneybeare and grandfather Bill Coneybeare. Thirty-two years later, he's ready to retire alongside his wife, retired teacher Michele, and pass the business to the next generation – the fifth generation to own the butcher shop.

Harry owned the main street space as well as a slaughterhouse that was on what is now known as Colonial Road off of South Lake Road.

In those early days, beef would be picked up off the train in Gelert, taken to the slaughterhouse for preparation and then to the downtown shop to be sold.

His two sons, Lance Easton and Bill Coneybeare, learned from Harry.

Eventually the business was taken from a butcher shop to a full-fledged store, known as the Minden Red and White, which was opened in the 1950s for almost 30 years. After Easton's Valumart opened on the highway, Chris's dad Al kept the butcher shop open with main street frontage while severing the building to house a Beckers in the '80s.

"I came back [from Toronto] and learned from my dad and my grandfather how to cut meat," said Chris. "I've never had any formal training or anything. It's all been passed down over generations."

It was Chris who added the addition on to the back of the building, where Coneybeare's remains a busy place with a famous reputation for quality meat.

"When I first started before I had this addition back here, this room, it was just sort of my grandfather and I cutting farmers' beef, and cutting deer and moose and all of that kind of stuff, and wholesale orders to restaurants and stuff like that," said Chris. "Then I decided to put in the retail space. But, just spending time with my grandfather, he's wrapping, I'm cutting, he's wrapping, I'm cutting ... [those are] memories I'll always have."

Now, he's having those same experiences with his daughter, Lily, the fifth generation in their family to be involved in the business.

After earning a degree in chemistry, Lily was working as head brewer at Boshkung Brewing Co. when her dad began to discuss his retirement and a succession plan.

"This opportunity opened up and I figured if I'm working for a small business I might as well be working for my own," she said. Though perhaps the role is one that's not traditional for women, that doesn't matter much to Lily.

"I've never been shy to work hard or shy to do any task, so I'm just jumping in," she said.

Lily said she didn't ever feel any pressure to take the butcher shop on, but had always been

interested in the family's business.

"I just know I love the area, and I know I love to live here, and I never wanted the business to leave the family, that was always very important to me, that it stay within our name," she said. "Just, the generational thing. The trade itself is something that's maybe not dying, but there's not a lot of skilled butchers anymore, maybe. So I just thought, I wanted to learn the skill, and I wanted to know everything that my dad knows eventually and can carry it on."

"I think it's really cool that we're carrying on the name," she said. "It's such a small town feel because even since I've started working here, so many people know me by name now already, just because I'm here. At first when I was started I was worried, because you're worried that when you have a business, that it won't carry on, because my dad is the face of the business. But people have pretty well accepted, I think because I'm family, that I'm the next generation and I'm going to do the same thing that he's done, keep the quality the same and everything."

Lily said she's interested in the idea of craft butcher shops as well, noting that some shops in the city do dry aging and specialty work.

"I just like that it's a small business and you can kind of take it where you want to take it," she said. "We don't do anything like that right now, but there's definitely lots of room to play around and make it your own."

As for the shop, Lily is not making any drastic changes to the store, but has added a few unique touches inside.

"A few small changes ... I've got ideas," she laughed, alongside her dad. "I just wait until he travels and then I start putting pictures up and painting, adding my own touch to it for sure."

Coneybeare's Butcher Shop is developing an online presence with a new website and social media pages, which Lily laughed brings the shop, "into the 21st century."

Like many businesses in the county, Chris said learning how to live with the seasonal highs and lows can be a challenge, but the butcher shop has endured.

"It's been good," he said. "It's like any business in Haliburton, you work your butt off in the summer, and in the winter you can go a lot easier. It's very self-rewarding in the summer-time when people are lined up out the door, it's really hectic and crazy. Well, we're doing something right, you know?"



A photo published in 1981 shows Bill, Al and Chris Coneybeare – three generations – behind the counter of the newly opened Coneybeare's Butcher Shop. The cutline notes that Gale Stamp, longtime Red and White employee, also worked at the shop.



Chris Coneybeare, who has been one of the faces at Coneybeare's Butcher Shop for almost 40 years, welcomes his daughter Lily to the business. Lily's involvement means the business has seen five generations manage the shop since the 1940s. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

## New Year's Eve Family Skate!

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# Food tourism co-ordinator keeping it local

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
Times Staff

Haliburton County's food tourism co-ordinator is preaching the power of keeping it local as she goes about creating a food supply chain in the county that pairs producers with purveyors.

Lila Sweet was recently hired to the position, which at this point is a three-month contract, and which the county is hoping to extend through attaining more grant funding.

"I also see myself as a stakeholder, and I have gone ahead and laid down, or tried to lay down, some infrastructure that will hopefully continue beyond my term," says Sweet, who runs a catering business.

That infrastructure is human infrastructure, and Sweet has been trying to establish connections between local food producers and businesses, as well as educating stakeholders about the benefits and popularity of local food and culinary tourism.

In recent years, food tourism has exploded in Ontario, and many travelling consumers relish the experience of locally produced food, unique to the areas they are visiting.

"They are educated foodies," Sweet says, noting that a third of all tourism dollars are spent on food. "We have what they are looking for. We have the real deal up here. There are incredible producers."

Sweet has created a business-to-business Facebook page "that allows direct conversation and collaboration and education," she says. "One of the projects is to encourage collaboration in the off-season."

Sweet has also organized a series of events, featuring food and music, designed to bring stakeholders in the culinary industry together.

"I have some events that are really community-building events, it's all about making connections," she says.

Sweet has also been working to achieve some consistency around the way local food experiences are offered.

"In order to have the county appear more as a whole, I'm looking at linking up different offerings from different areas, and giving tourists a more holistic experience," she says.

Sweet has also been encouraging more collaboration by and cross promotion of businesses.

"There is a bit of an air of competition, that's been identified as one of our challenges up here, and it's my belief that that's because, generally, with the seasonality . . . people are on the edge," she says.

"The timing is right now for the conversation," she says, of the stakeholder network she is trying to create.

Sweet has been conducting a survey of local culinary businesses through in-person interviews regarding the extension of the shoulder season, and the creation of a labour pool, "so there's a platform where employers and employees can reach out to one another for needs."

She uses the example of herself as a caterer. Perhaps she is doing an event where she requires 20 people to help serve. The creation of a labour pool could help address such needs.

Sweet has other ideas too, such as the creation of public food gardens within the county's communities, where vegetables and herbs could be grown, and picked by anyone passing by.

"I want kids to walk by every day and see the different stages of growth," she says, explaining that such gardens can come with a

coloured signage system – red for not ready, yellow for almost ready, and green for ready to pick.

Sweet has a few more events planned for January. On Jan. 17 at Abbey Retreat she will host an event featuring a local, pop-up food provider, live music and the screening of a

TED talk on vegetable tourism. That event is from 5 to 7 p.m.

On Monday, Jan. 28, there will be a chef/producer meet and greet and beer-tasting at Rhubarb in Carnarvon, that event also from 5 to 7 p.m. Sweet is also working on a tourism event for this winter's Frost Fest.



Lila Sweet is the food tourism co-ordinator for the County of Haliburton.  
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# Red Hawks wrestlers competitive at tournament

On Tuesday, Dec. 18, six Red Hawks wrestlers travelled to Port Perry to compete at the annual Rebel Wrestling Tournament. Just under 200 athletes from the Durham and COSSA regions attended the final wres-

ting competition of 2018. Connie Oh, Charlotte Paton and Brooklyn Spence represented the HHSS women's team and performed very well. Combined they won half of their 16 matches.

Austin Weller won his first match, but then lost the next two in an extremely competitive 72 kilogram weight class. Veteran wrestler Aidan Coles went undefeated to win the gold at 95 kilogram, while

Grade 9 wrestler Corin Gervais continues his winning streak with four convincing wins. Gervais also remained undefeated and returned home as champion at 47.5 kilograms.

## Bowling Scores

### Monday Afternoon, Dec. 10

<b>High Average (cumulative)</b>		
Women	Chris Cote	179
Men	Gary Hunt	204
<b>This Week's Highs – Women</b>		
High Single	June Fortune	279
High Single Hcp	June Fortune	339
High Triple	June Fortune	588
High Triple Hcp	June Fortune	768
<b>This Week's Highs – Men</b>		
High Single	Claude Cote	271
High Single Hcp	Marty Schuster	298
High Triple	Claude Cote	681
High Triple Hcp	Marty Schuster	795

### Tuesday Afternoon, Dec. 11

<b>Men</b>		
High Average	Claude Cote	202
High Single	Neil Darby	315
High Single H/C	Neil Darby	341
High Triple	Claude Cote	747
High Triple H/C	Claude Cote	801
<b>Women</b>		
High Average	Chris Cote	187
High Single	Chris Cote	216
High Single H/C	Lydia Comeau	262
High Triple	Chris Cote	558
High Triple H/C	Lydia Comeau	706

### Haliburton Red Wolves

<b>Bowling Scores</b>	
Casey Heley	220
Kim Buie	205
Skylar Pratt	193
Jason Kitchener	177
Sarah Hudson	147
Emily Boccitto	144
Skylar Pratt	252
Casey Heley	174
Dawn Piercey	146
Andrea Austin	142
Sarah Hudson	138
Ross Anderson	137

### Monday Afternoon, Dec. 17

<b>High Average (cumulative)</b>		
Women	Chris Cote	178
Men	Gary Hunt	202
<b>This Week's Highs – Women</b>		
High Single	Ren Higgins	242
High Single Hcp	Ren Higgins	587
High Triple	Ren Higgins	297
High Triple Hcp	Ren Higgins	752
<b>This Week's Highs – Men</b>		
High Single	Fred Phipps	286
High Single Hcp	Fred Phipp	689
High Triple	Fred Phipps	328
High Triple Hcp	Fred Phipps	815

### Tuesday Afternoon, Dec. 18

<b>Men</b>		
High Average	Claude Cote	202
High Single	Claude Cote	259
High Single H/C	Ken Thompson	281
High Triple	Ken Thompson	703
High Triple H/C	Ken Thompson	718
<b>Women</b>		
High Average	Chris Cote	186
High Single	Mabel Clendenning	202
High Single H/C	Lisa Ross	254
High Triple	Lisa Ross	523
High Triple H/C	Lisa Ross	718



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# Hawks ground Falcons attack

by **DARREN LUM**  
*Times Staff*

Coming into Tuesday’s game, the Hawks looked like they were going to be in for a test with the visiting Falcons. At least that’s what it looked like on paper, as the Red Hawks junior boys’ basketball team entered play 2-2 just like the Falcons, who had beaten the same teams (Brock and St. Thomas) with similar margins of victory.

That wasn’t the reality, as the Hawks won easily, defeating Fenelon Falls 64-20 with a balanced attack on offence and stifling defence, aided in large part to the home side’s speed to pressure ball carriers.

Head coach Paul Longo thought it was injuries to the Falcons that contributed (that wasn’t confirmed) to the lopsided score.

“I think Fenelon was missing a couple of guys today,” he said. “But, with that said, we played well. We were efficient and playing really good D all year.”

Despite this dominant performance, Longo believes his team has the potential to get better because of a great attitude and a commitment to the team and one another.

“We’re feeling good about what’s to come in the new year and we feel like we’re getting better and better. We have a lot of work to do. There’s some issues we have to work on, but the chemistry is great. They really play for each other, which I really like, and their commitment to the defensive part of the game has

been really good,” he said. He pointed to the team’s commitment to defence, which was part of the team’s emphasis since the start.

Among teams in the Kawartha Junior League that have played five games, the team ranks first in points allowed with just 147. Undefeated Adam Scott and I.E. Weldon have allowed 182 and 183 points, respectively.

“We knew the offence would come and it’s really started to come now. They’re scoring on average 45 points a game now and we’re allowing no more than 30. Those are good numbers,” he said.

The team understands success later in the season has a lot to do with defence.

There were six players with five or more points against the Falcons.

Jaxson Gill led all scorers with 10 points while teammates Vikram Marathe scored nine, Brian Kim finished with eight, and Holden Dupret-Smith, Camden Marra and Teo O’Malley, each with six points.

Longo has loved his balanced roster from positions one to five.

In particular, the strong play from second year players Brian Kim, Jaxson Gill, Camden Marra, Holden Dupret-Smith, including Vikram Marathe, who he called the “most improved guy I’ve seen since Grade 9. No question.”

Before the Falcons game, the team had just played an open tournament in Bracebridge over the Dec. 15/16 weekend where the in-



Red Hawks junior centre Tim Turner drives into the lane against Falcons defender Jack Van Dusen during Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Tuesday, Dec. 18 in Haliburton. The Hawks won 64-20 and improve to 3-2 before the holiday break. /DARREN LUM Staff

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game experience went a long way to improving the team’s play, he said. Although the team went winless through three games, they were in tough with a strong field of teams, which included a tough game against Bradford, who stymied the Hawks with a full-court press, a one point loss (40-39) to Bracebridge Muskoka Lakes Secondary School and a close game (44-30) against Kawartha League high school, Adam Scott.

“It showed us we’re a very competitive team,” he said.

The Bradford loss, he said, showed the team needs to improve on their press break.

Another area, he adds, was improving on transition from defence to offence, particularly on fast breaks.

For all the good things up to this point in the season there is room to grow.

“There’s still lots to do. We’re nowhere near where we want to be, but so far so good,” he said.

The team, he said, is easy to work with and have been open to learning.

The Hawks will be seeking redemption, as they start the new year with a road game against top-ranked and undefeated (5-0) I.E. Weldon in Lindsay on Tuesday, Jan. 8. The red and white lost to I.E. Weldon 35-22 to open the season. Two days after the I.E. Weldon game, the Hawks will host the Bulldogs of Brock High School on Tuesday, Jan. 15. The Hawks beat the Bulldogs in their first meeting 50-22. Tip off is at 3 p.m.

## Hawks spiking down opponents

The Red Hawks senior girls’ volleyball team is continuing to shine, winning three of four of their best-of-two matches on Wednesday, Dec. 19 away from Haliburton.

Their only blemish at the exhibition tournament was a (1-1) split with Campbellford District High School.

Coach Dan Gimon said the team missed its opportunity to shut out Campbellford District High School due to 11 service errors.

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# Hawks hockey team wins in overtime

by **DARREN LUM**  
*Times Staff*

Down to eight players, the Red Hawks varsity hockey team had only three defencemen and five forwards for the home game against nearly twice as many players that suited up for the Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School Griffins on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

The Hawks not only won 1-0 in overtime, but gained some confidence and showed great character in the process. Granted, the Griffins are the bottom third of the Kawartha High School Hockey League, the Hawks can still be proud of their win.

There was exhalation as much as jubilation for the Hawks, who pulled out the win despite exhibiting fatigue for much of the third. Grade 11 forward Benn MacNaull snapped home the game-winner at the 3:54 mark of the five minute overtime. The assist was by Jacob Haedicke.

Hawks head coach Jason Morissette was happy for his team for how they overcame the odds, playing short-handed by being smart and focused.

“When you have eight players you have to play really intelligent so they did exactly as we asked them to do in the system we asked them to play and that gave us opportunities to have turnovers. Let them make the mistakes. Go on their turnovers and get shots on net,” he said. “I would have liked to see a few more bodies get in front of the net, but when you’re tired it’s hard to get there.”

This win belongs to the eight players of defenceman Shawn Walker, Jacob Haedicke and Dylan Keefer with forwards Lucas Haedicke, Tyson Clements, Desi Davies, Nik Dollo and MacNaull.

He thought his team had a strong first and second, but fatigue set in during the third period.

Griffins’ goalie Nolan Preston, he said, was the difference and a factor to push the game into overtime.

He estimates the opposing goalie made close to 35 saves.

Hawks goalie Carson Sisson earned the shutout (with great support by his teammates).

He faced far fewer shots than his counterpart in the game, Preston, but he wasn’t without his tests, which Morissette recognized.

“He came through and gave us the confidence to do our defensive thing,” he said.

He was proud about how the team demonstrated how effective it is using the team’s “offensive trap” system (with one player deep, two midway and two back). It was a lesson for the players playing and for those injured, who watched.

It is a similar strategy used in soccer – starting offensive rushes from the defence and looking for openings to attack. He adds moving the puck is key instead of skating with the puck. Puck possession also enables control of pace.

Smart hockey also manifested itself with how the team’s discipline shined in this game.

The Hawks had only two minor penalties to the Griffins’ six minor penalties for 12 minutes.

Morissette will have one practice over the holidays.

This will enable the coaching staff to evaluate the health of



Red Hawks forward Benn MacNaull skates into the TASS Griffins’ end on his way to scoring the overtime game-winner on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at the A.J. LaRue Arena. MacNaull’s goal, which was assisted by defenceman Jacob Haedicke, came as a relief to the home fans and the Hawks, who came in with just 10 players, including the goalie and backup goalie. The Hawks won 1-0 and improve to 4-1 on the 12 game Kawartha High School League season./ **DARREN LUM** Staff

the injured players.

He expects to have most if not all his players following the holidays, including captain Owen Smith, who is currently day-to-day.

Almost halfway into the season, the Hawks are 4-1 on the season and are exhibiting discipline and good work ethic. Morissette said the team should be proud of their achievements, particularly with the injuries. As far as grading goes, Morissette said the team has earned an A.

“They’re definitely getting an A because just what they had to ... their resilience, right? I think resilience builds a lot of [character]. When you get into tough situations and games like this and some of the tournament stuff we had to struggle with. Watching your buddies go down and get hurt and some of them are significant blows. Jeez, this guy is not coming back for two weeks or whatever. You have to dig deep and be

resilient, right? That will build character [and prepare them for the post-season],” he said. “I’m really proud of them. People should be proud. I know our school is proud of what they are doing. Especially how they conduct themselves. They’ve conducted themselves very nobly in rinks. There’s not a lot of whining on this or that. They’re just moving on. Next thing. Next thing.”

Morissette said one of those players is MacNaull, who scored the game-winner.

He is having a great season and is proving to be invaluable to the team.

“He’s been so versatile for us. He can play any position and he can play in big moments of the game when you need him. His defensive game is very strong and that leads to the offence we’re seeing,” he said.

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### Early visit

Barely six weeks old and already Quentin O'Connell has established a rapport with Santa Claus, although the conversation at this point may be a little one sided. Quentin and the Jolly Old Man from the North Pole met Wednesday evening during the open house and Light the Trees celebration at the Haliburton Hospital. Santa may be on hand this Wednesday as well when the Minden Health Centre hosts its ceremonial lighting of the trees and open house.

### S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena

## Former reeve remembered as arena is named in his honour

The arena in Minden now bears the name of S.G. (Sinc) Nesbitt. The arena was dedicated to the memory of Sinc Nesbitt at a special ceremony on December 3, with the unveiling of the lettering on the side of the building.

Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon said the council "wanted the community to remember Sinc in a permanent way so that, over the generations, people will be constantly reminded that this man was someone very special to our life in Haliburton County."

"In contemplating a suitable tribute, council and staff asked ourselves, 'what was most special to Sinc?' We remembered many conversations

across the council table that made it clear Sinc cared so much about young people and he had a particular way of showing it in our community — through his commitment to youth activities and, in particular, through hockey," Anthon said. "In fact, our MPP Chris Hodgson said he knew Sinc through the hockey arena earlier than he ever knew him through the political arena."

Anthon noted that Nesbitt spent many hours at the Minden arena, watching all levels of competition, "from men's league games to toddlers making their first shaky attempts on the ice."

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With the the Legion Flag Party in attendance, the new name of the Minden arena was unveiled Sunday afternoon. The facility will now be known as the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, in memory of former reeve Sinclair Nesbitt.

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